

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 9, 2007

SENATE BILL

No. 944

Introduced by Senator Padilla

February 23, 2007

An act to add Section ~~8239.5~~ 8217 to the Education Code, relating to ~~preschool~~ *child care*.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 944, as amended, Padilla. ~~State Preschool Programs: Child Development Division: Child care:~~ data collection.

The Child Care and Development Services Act ~~requires the Superintendent of Public Instruction to administer state preschool programs that include part-day and preschool appropriate programs for prekindergarten children 3 to 5 years of age, inclusive~~ *provides child care and development services to children from birth to 13 years of age and their parents through full- and part-time programs.*

This bill, to the extent that funding is made available in the annual Budget Act or other statute, would require the State Department of Education to collect, aggregate, and analyze data regarding child care and development programs and, commencing in January, 2010, annually report its findings to the Legislature.

~~This bill would require the Child Development Division of the State Department of Education to compile, aggregate, and analyze the data it collects regarding the operation of state preschool programs and their effectiveness in achieving outcomes for participating children. The division would be required to make regular reports to the Legislature regarding that data.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. (a) The Legislature recognizes the importance*
2 *of investing in the early care and education of our youngest*
3 *children. Numerous programs are funded by the state to provide*
4 *preschool and child care services to children from low-income*
5 *families. In order to ensure that these funds are being used*
6 *effectively, it is important to assess the impact and quality of these*
7 *programs and maintain reliable information on which future policy*
8 *decisions may be based.*

9 *(b) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature in enacting this*
10 *act to create a data collection system for state-subsidized child*
11 *development programs by building upon existing data collection*
12 *processes.*

13 *SEC. 2. Section 8217 is added to the Education Code, to read:*

14 *8217. (a) To the extent that funding is made available for*
15 *purposes of this section in the annual Budget Act or other statute,*
16 *the department shall collect, aggregate, and analyze data regarding*
17 *child care and development programs operated pursuant to this*
18 *chapter and, commencing in January, 2010, annually report its*
19 *findings to the Legislature.*

20 *(b) For purposes of this section, child care and development*
21 *programs include, but are not limited to, all of the following:*

22 *(1) General child care and development programs pursuant to*
23 *this chapter.*

24 *(2) Alternative payment programs pursuant to Article 3*
25 *(commencing with Section 8220).*

26 *(3) State preschool programs pursuant to Article 7 (commencing*
27 *with Section 8235).*

28 *(4) Prekindergarten and family literacy programs established*
29 *pursuant to Article 7 (commencing with Section 8235).*

30 *(5) Child care services for CalWORKs recipients pursuant to*
31 *Article 15.5 (commencing with Section 8350).*

32 *(c) The data collected, aggregated, analyzed and reported to*
33 *the Legislature by the department pursuant to this section shall*
34 *include, but not be limited to, all data regarding state-subsidized*
35 *child care and development programs that is deemed relevant by*
36 *the Superintendent of Public Instruction and all of the following:*

37 *(1) General information about child care and development*
38 *programs aggregated by ages groups, including zero to two years,*

1 *three years, four years, five years, and six years and older. The*
2 *information shall include, but not be limited to, all of the following:*

3 *(A) The number of children enrolled in child care and*
4 *development programs aggregated by program type and zip code*
5 *of head of household.*

6 *(B) The number of classes funded pursuant to general child*
7 *care and development programs and state preschool programs.*

8 *(C) The number of families seeking part-day preschool services*
9 *each quarter on the countywide centralized eligibility list*
10 *established pursuant to Section 8227.*

11 *(D) The number of families seeking full-day preschool services*
12 *each quarter on the countywide centralized eligibility list.*

13 *(E) The number of families seeking preschool services who*
14 *remain on the countywide centralized eligibility list.*

15 *(2) Information about each child age three to five years,*
16 *inclusive, who is enrolled in child care and development programs*
17 *and his or her family, including, but not limited to, all of the*
18 *following:*

19 *(A) The age, race, ethnicity, and gender of participating*
20 *children.*

21 *(B) Languages spoken by the child, including his or her primary*
22 *language.*

23 *(C) Whether the child is limited-English-proficient.*

24 *(D) Whether the child is an individual with exceptional needs,*
25 *as defined in Section 56026.*

26 *(E) Whether the child is severely disabled, as defined in Section*
27 *56030.5.*

28 *(F) Whether the child has been referred to child protective*
29 *services.*

30 *(G) Whether the child is a ward of the court or a foster child,*
31 *as defined in subdivision (c) of Section 1527 of the Health and*
32 *Safety Code.*

33 *(H) The amount and sources of the income of the child's family.*

34 *(I) The amount of the family fee paid to program for the child,*
35 *if the child is attending a program other than a state preschool*
36 *program.*

37 *(J) The number of members in the child's immediate family.*

38 *(K) The zip code of the head of household for the child's family.*

39 *(L) The total number of hours of child care the child receives*
40 *each month.*

1 (M) Whether the child's parents or guardians regularly meet
2 the program requirements for parental involvement, including the
3 causes for failing to meet requirements.

4 (N) The total number of children enrolled in subsidized full-day
5 care, in addition to subsidized part-day preschool.

6 (O) The total number of children whose families would like to
7 receive subsidized full-day care in addition to subsidized part-day
8 preschool, but do not currently receive it.

9 (3) Information regarding each instructional and management
10 staff member employed by general child care and development
11 programs and state preschool programs, including, but not limited
12 to, all of the following:

13 (A) The type of permit held by each staff member, aggregated
14 by classroom and program type.

15 (B) The highest educational level attained or number of college
16 credits earned by each staff member.

17 (C) The number of years of experience working as an
18 instructional or management staff member.

19 (D) The number of years of experience working at his or her
20 current program.

21 (E) Languages spoken by the staff member.

22 (F) Whether the staff member has received training in educating
23 children who are limited-English-proficient.

24 (G) Whether the staff member has received training in educating
25 individuals with exceptional needs.

26 (d) Data collected pursuant to paragraphs (2) and (3) of
27 subdivision (c) may reflect the entire population or a sample of
28 the population of child care and development programs serving
29 children ages three to five years, inclusive, staff members, and
30 enrolled children.

31 (e) To the extent deemed possible by the Superintendent, the
32 data and findings reported to the Legislature pursuant to this
33 section shall be both of the following:

34 (1) Statistically significant and representative of child care and
35 development programs, their staff members, and enrolled children.

36 (2) Aggregated by program type and zip code.

37 (f) Data sets and the annual report to the Legislature described
38 in subdivision (a) shall be on the department's Internet website.

39 (g) The department shall ensure that information that personally
40 identifies or compromises the identity of a child, family, or staff

1 *member about whom data is collected pursuant to this section is*
2 *not reported to the Legislature or otherwise released to public.*

3 ~~SECTION 1. Section 8239.5 is added to the Education Code,~~
4 ~~to read:~~

5 ~~8239.5. (a) The Child Development Division of the department~~
6 ~~shall compile, aggregate, and analyze the data it collects regarding~~
7 ~~the operation of state preschool programs and their effectiveness~~
8 ~~in achieving outcomes for participating children.~~

9 ~~(b) The Child Development Division shall make regular reports~~
10 ~~to the Legislature regarding the data described in subdivision (a).~~